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Letter dated 26 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the Democratic Republic of the Congo requests the Security Council to establish a group of independent experts to investigate the illegal exploitation of the natural resources and other forms of wealth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in violation of the country's national sovereignty, in accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolution 1291 (2000) of 24 February 2000, which sets out the mandate of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC).

In paragraph 17 of resolution 1291 (2000), the Council expressed its serious concern at reports of the illegal exploitation of natural resources and other forms of wealth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including in violation of the sovereignty of that country, called for an end to such activities, expressed its intention to consider the matter further and requested the Secretary-General to report to it within 90 days on ways to achieve that goal.

My Government, which calls upon the Security Council to vigorously condemn the aggression being perpetrated against the Democratic Republic of the Congo by the coalition forces of Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda, would be grateful if the Council would take all useful and necessary measures to put an end to these illegal activities, which are stoking this war of aggression.

My Government wishes to express its agreement with the proposal by the Secretary-General to establish a group of independent experts, as set out in his letter of 18 April 2000 to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/334).

My Government would be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) André Mwamba **Kapanga**
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